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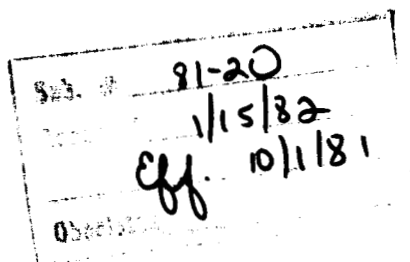
TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Attachment 3.1-C

State of Colorado

METHODS AND STANDARDS OF ASSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE

1. The following is a description of the methods that will be used to assure that the medical and remedial care and services are of high quality, and a description of the standards established by the State to assure high quality care:
  - a. Practitioners will be licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under State law. This means persons who are authorized to practice medicine as licensed physicians, or physicians in approved training programs supervised by licensed physicians;
  - b. Medical institutions will be licensed by the State;
  - c. Independent clinical laboratories will be certified according to Medicare Standards;
  - d. Patients can obtain needed medical services from the facility or practitioner which in the judgment of competent medical authority is best able to meet their medical needs whether the facility or practitioner is in or outside the state;
  - e. The scope of care and services offered includes the use of specialist and consultative services;
  - f. The medical unit will continuously review and evaluate the utilization of the quality of medical care and services;
  - g. The Medical Care Advisory Committee at frequent intervals will review reports of care and services provided and make indicated suggestions to the Department and to the disciplines involved concerning the quality and utilization of the care and services offered or needed.
  - h. X-ray units will be certified according to Medicare standards.



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